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SUBJECT: 62ND ECOSOC: U.S. CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION TO
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: (A) TOKYO 6652; (B) STATE 58179

1. FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS IN TOKYO APPEAR NOT TO HAVE
BEEN INFORMED OF THE FULL EXTENT OF OUR ASSURANCES WITH
RESPECT TO JAPAN'S CANDIDACY FOR CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP IN
ECOSOC.

2. AS REPORTED REF (B), JAPANESE MINISTER NISHIDA WAS
INFORMED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE MAYNES ON
MARCH 14 THAT THE U.S. WOULD LIKE TO SEE JAPAN REPRESENTED
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IN ECOSOC AND HOPED VERY MUCH THAT JAPAN'S CANDIDACY WILL
BE ENDORSED BY THE ASIAN GROUP. MAYNES ALSO INDICATED
(BEGIN UNDERLINE) THAT U.S. WOULD FAVOR JAPAN'S CANDIDACY
IF ASIAN GROUP IS UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON ENDORSEMENT
(END UNDERLINE)

3. UNDERLINED ASSURANCE ENVISIONS SAME SITUATION IN WHICH

U.S. CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION TO HRC HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO JAPANESE WITH REQUEST FOR SUPPORT. AS INDICATED STATE 97887, WEO GROUP HAS BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE ON THREE

CANDIDACIES FOR THE THREE WEO VACANCIES. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO LIKELIHOOD THAT, AS REPORTED REF (A), JAPANESE HOPE THAT OUR REGIONAL GROUP WOULD SET ITS OWN HOUSE IN ORDER BEFORE VOTE TAKEN WILL BE REALIZED.

4. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO REMIND APPROPRIATE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL OF ASSURANCE ALREADY GIVEN TO MINISTER NISHIDA AND EXPRESS VIEW THAT IN LIGHT OF THIS ASSURANCE WE FEEL WE CAN EXPECT EQUIVALENT SUPPORT FROM JAPANESE. REQUEST THAT IF FOREIGN OFFICE CAN NOW SEE THEIR WAY CLEAR TO SUPPORTING U.S. CANDIDACY THEY PROMPTLY INSTRUCT THEIR DELEGATION TO THE 62ND ECOSOC TO VOTE IN SUPPORT.

5. IN MAKING ABOVE APPROACH EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO NOTE OUR SURPRISE THAT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT APPEARS NOT TO SUPPORT THE LONG-STANDING TRADITION IN THE UN ACCORDING TO WHICH PERMANENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE REGULARLY ELECTED TO ECOSOC AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENT JAPANESE WOULD BE WILLING TO OFFER AS TO THEIR PRESENT POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THIS TRADITION. CHRISTOPHER

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